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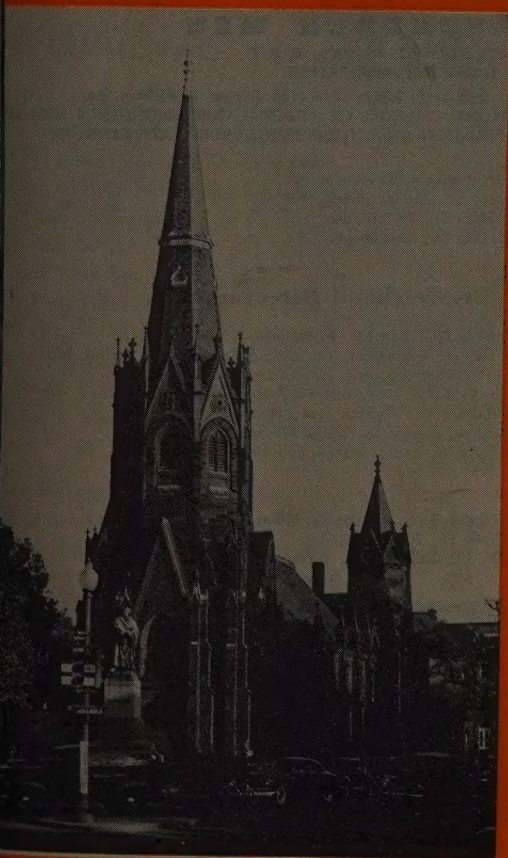


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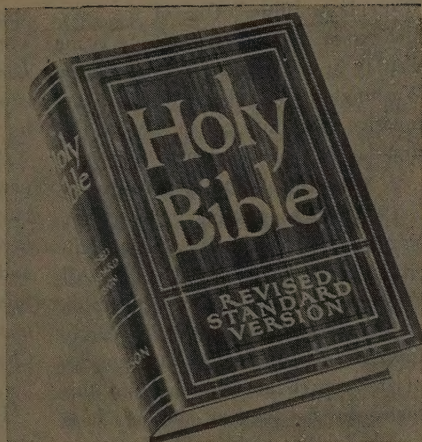
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unique event occurs in the history of the Bible when this month we receive

The Living Word in Living Language

What are we going to do about it?

J. WILLIAM WAHL



SEPTEMBER 30, 1952, should be a very significant day for American Protestantism to mark and remember. The day will be one of the important milestones in the history of the Bible. That day is the official publication date for the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The New Testament of the Revised Standard Version made its appearance in 1946. After September 30 of this year the whole Bible will be available in living language for our time.

The Revised Standard Version has been prepared by a group of distinguished Biblical scholars under authorization of The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The work was started in 1930 as an answer to the need for an English translation of the Bible which would combine accuracy with the simplicity, directness, and spiritual

power of the familiar King James Version, which dates from 1611.

Tuesday, September 30, 1952, can be made a memorable day in the story of our Bible. On that day one million persons or families will be able to secure their copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible. That evening residents of 3,000 communities in the United States and Canada will be sharing in services of dedication and thanksgiving. Lutheran men will want to place their order now for the Revised Standard Version. They will also want to share in the observance which will be held in their community.

It is of interest also to note that a new United States postage stamp will be issued on September 30. This special stamp will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg of Germany. The first book ever printed by the use of movable type was a huge Latin Bible known as the

The Rev. J. William Wahl is an associate secretary, in charge of enlistment, for The Lutheran Church School Board.

"Gutenberg Bible." One of the very few extant copies of this Bible is on display in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. There will be impressive inter-faith ceremonies on the first-day sale of the stamp.

The Bible in Daily Living

1952 is also proving to be a very significant year in the life of The United Lutheran Church in America. All through this year the church has been emphasizing "The Bible in Daily Living." All the boards and agencies of the church are carrying out this theme in one way or another. It is featured every week in *The Lutheran*. This, and the publications of the other auxiliaries of the church, are calling it to the attention of their readers. It has been the theme of a number of synodical conventions and it will be the theme of the Seattle convention of the church in October.

The Parish and Church School Board, where the theme originated, has been and is continuing to conduct a series of Bible Teaching Conferences throughout the church. By the end of 1952 over 200 of these conferences will have been held. Thousands of church-school teachers, parents, and other congregational leaders will have been led in discussions of more effective ways of teaching and using the Bible.

Each year in the calendar of causes the month of September is designated for emphasis on parish education. The theme of the observance this year has been designated to coordinate with the theme of the series of meetings which will commemorate the

appearance of the Revised Standard Version, *The Living Word in Living Language*. This theme also serves to supplement our church-wide emphasis on "The Bible in Daily Living."

All pastors and Sunday-school superintendents by this time should have received a packet of material explaining Parish Education Month and its theme. If any did not see this material it will be sent upon request addressed to The Parish and Church School Board.

The Emphasis

How to get people to hear, read, study, and live the Word. That is what it means to talk about "The Bible in Daily Living." There must be opportunities for the living Word to really live in living people. The question in all of this is *how*?

First of all, there is the matter of hearing the Word. Modern man is subject to such a barrage of words that he has developed kind of an immunity. He hears but he doesn't hear. That is to say, the words he hears make no impression on him. Unfortunately this situation has carried over into the religious life. It is one reason the Bible is not always lived in everyday relationships. We need to cultivate the art of listening with discrimination. There must also be a favorable environment for listening in the church and in the home. Christian parents (and that means fathers as well as mothers) can be leaders in training the children to listen and developing in them the spirit of expectancy. Always as the Bible is read let us be sure that we remember,

peaking. Let us hear what he has
ay to us through his Word.

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n many people. We have the idea
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ly interesting the Bible can be.
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e reading to a study of that which
read. Study is one of the purposes
the classes in the church school.
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the baptized membership of our
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nber who do that is small. Indi-
uals and groups need to engage in
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ding and then using the various
ps which are available that we
understand what we read. Such
os include a Bible dictionary, a

commentary (a good one may be se-
cured in one or two volumes), and a
concordance. When we study God's
Word we find richer and more ade-
quate meanings, even in the most fa-
miliar passages. It is a practice
which is always rewarding.

We may hear, we may read, we may
study the Word, and yet that Word
may make no difference whatsoever
in our daily living. The admonition
in the epistle of James has meaning
for us, "Be doers of the word, and
not hearers only." When we live the
Word we identify ourselves with the
characters of the Bible, sharing in all
their experiences. Ultimately it means
that we identify ourselves with Christ
and his cause. Living the Word must
result in personal growth in grace and
knowledge of the Lord. It must also
result in witness. We become eager to
share the new joys and satisfactions
which are our experiences. Living the
Word means total commitment to
Christ as Lord and Master. In this
commitment we come to know that the
Bible applies to all portions of life:
our personal habits, our thoughts, our
family life, our dealings with friends
and neighbors, and our relationships
to the community and to the world at
large.

The Real Significance

We started out by saying that Sep-
tember 30 should be a very significant
day for American Protestantism and
that 1952 is proving to be a very sig-
nificant year for our church. But the
real test of this significance will come
in the years ahead. Will the emphasis

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Mission Work in Negro Communities

by ERVIN E. KREBS

"We have neglected our Negro neighbors too long

THE OLD SOUTHERN MANSION of the Alston estate was a landmark when the Union soldiers marched through Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Local folklore has it that some of the residents used the attic of this building to hide certain valuable treasures from the ravages of war. Whether this is true, we do not know, but it is a fact that in 1919 the Lutheran Church purchased the Alston mansion and its magnolia-shaded grounds for less than \$3000 and used it in the development of Martin Luther Institute, a high school and grade school for young people of the Negro race. Regardless of whether many treasures were *hidden* in the attic in times of war, Alston mansion became a storehouse from which rich treasures of Christian truths were distributed for nearly 30 years.

With improved public schools and the high cost of education, Martin Luther Institute was merged with Alabama Lutheran Bible Institute, Montgomery, Alabama, in 1947. Naturally, the question arises: "What to do with the Tuscaloosa mission property?" Some voices have said: "Sell it — it



The Alston Mansion
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

will provide a few thousand dollars

The National Lutheran Council advisory committee for church work in Negro communities reasoned: Since the promotion of church work in Negro communities has become a cooperative project of church bodies in the National Lutheran Council, this is one of the special projects which can be undertaken with the available funds. Yet there were possibilities for the strengthening of church work in the South. We might plan to equip the old mansion with its acres of shaded land, as a young people's summer Bible camp and conference grounds. (This would be a branch project of the Alabama Lutheran Bible Institute, Montgomery.) Four thousand dollars would provide proper camp facilities.

The Rev. Ervin E. Krebs, Chicago, Ill., is secretary of Church Work in Negro Communities, Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council.



These pastors now serving in the South were former students of the Alabama Lutheran Bible Institute, Montgomery, Ala.

It is for this reason the National Lutheran Council mission committee decided to tell the story to the church in answer to the plea, "Tell us of the possibilities and the needs." From all parts of the church, come statements such as these: "We have neglected the Negro neighbors too long." "Why isn't the church open more missions and develop this mission program rapidly if it is to keep pace with needs and changing trends." This is not a time for retrenchment but for advance in this and in other areas.

In order to develop a strong national program through work in Negro communities in the Lutheran Church, there are also other special needs. Workers' conferences should be sponsored, student aid for ministerial students must be provided, congregations in interracial communities need financial aid to employ parish work-

ers with an approach to meet community needs; building funds should be larger — and yet the available funds barely meet the needs of the existing work in 19 missions and for minimum support of the Alabama Lutheran Bible Institute. The mission boards of the respective church bodies are faced with many opportunities and cannot increase their contributions to meet the needs. The church can develop these many possibilities only as groups and individuals vote for a project by their prayers and financial contributions.

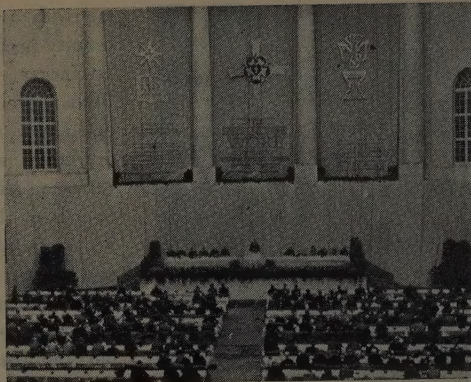
It would be difficult for one organization or one church body to meet the needs, but with many organizations and with many individuals in the National Lutheran Council churches putting their shoulders to the wheel, the task should not be a burden. It should be a real joy. Repeatedly it has been said that we could do better if the mission task to the Negro in America were undertaken cooperatively. Here is one opportunity of proving what can be done through the cooperation of many.

That is the story. Interested individuals and organizations have asked about it. The requirements are so nominal — for a constituency of some 10,000 congregations — of four million members — in the National Lutheran Council that crumbs from many tables — gleanings from many fields would meet the needs.

Many crumbs could equal a banquet.

Hannover's Stadthalle, where first plenary session of LWF Assembly was held, with Bishop Nygren of Lund, Sweden, presiding as federation president. Above speaker's platform, theme of Assembly — "The Living Word in a Responsible Church" — was lettered in English, German, and Swedish.

—NLC News Photo Service



Report from Hannover

Hanns Lilje Preaches

The Lutheran World Federation's second Assembly began its ten-day sessions with the service of Holy Communion in the *Marktkirche*, Hannover, Germany, on July 25, with Bishop Hanns Lilje of the Lutheran Church of Hannover, as host of the Assembly, preaching the communion sermon in the German language on the text, Zechariah 4:6.

Before the service, nearly a thousand delegates, alternates and official visitors took part in a solemn processional which moved from Hannover's new city hall, along narrow, winding streets, to the *Marktkirche*, where almost twice that number filled the church for the opening service.

Gutted by heavy bombing during World War II, the *Marktkirche* had been rebuilt for the occasion in a remarkable race against time. The last pew had been installed and the last concrete poured for the main en-

trance a few days before the Assembly got underway.

After reading the text, Bishop Lilje called upon the congregation to join in a moment of silent prayer for those unable to attend the Assembly. He obviously referred to some 500 churchmen from the East Zone of Germany, who at the last minute were denied travel permits by Russian authorities. During the communion service, an offering was taken for "pressed congregations," presumably for churches in the East Zone.

The liturgy was conducted in hymns were sung in German, Swedish and English. The liturgist in English was Dr. F. Eppling Reinart, New York, secretary of The United Lutheran Church in America.

"Forward to Luther!"

Speaking on the convention theme "The Living Word in a Responsible Church," Bishop Anders Nygren of Lund, Sweden, president of the

n World Federation, made the opening address to the Assembly, in which he suggested that "Forward to Luther!" rather than "Back to Luther!" be a proper slogan for the Lutheran Church.

"When we propose the motto, 'Forward to Luther!'" continued Bishop Nygren, "we could express the same thought in this way: Forward to the heart and center of the Gospel, forward to the whole message of the Gospel, forward to Christ, who in the midst of death and human misery is the living and life-giving Word of God!"

"The things which Luther produced by his labor do not lie behind us, in the past, but in front of us, very far in front. Luther is not obsolete, but very far ahead of us. In fact, he is so far ahead that we have to expend enormous efforts to locate him and then work vigorously to catch up with him."

Stressing that the Reformation "is not an end, but a beginning," the Swedish theologian said that all the minor historical movements which apparently superseded the Reformation, such as orthodoxism, pietism, rationalism, and romanticism, have had their day and then passed into oblivion.

"But the Reformation marked a beginning," he added; "to us it still is the initial stage of something to be accomplished in the future. Martin Luther is just beginning to become effective."

Bishop Nygren noted that Roman Catholic critics of Lutheranism "often

claim that we pick out one specific element of the Christian faith and emphasize it to such a degree that it is no longer true but false." According to Catholic critics, he said, this is where "the real error of the Reformation lies."

"They say that 'justification by faith' is quite correct, that as long as it is treated as one point of doctrine among many there is no objection to it, but that all is perverted by the addition of the word 'alone' . . . Luther, they say, followed Paul too closely, too one-sidedly, and thus his theology, discolored by his inordinate loyalty to Paul, became heretical."

Bishop Nygren denied this criticism was justified in the case of Luther, but admitted that some Lutheran writers have laid themselves open to it by describing the doctrine of justification by faith alone as "the characteristic and distinctive doctrine of Lutheranism."

"No Church has the right to cultivate distinctive doctrines of its own," he asserted. "No Church has permission to declare that in our group we are mainly interested in this or that particular doctrine and to push all other phases of the Christian faith into the background."

"No Church has the right to say that we follow St. Paul and do not care for the rest of the New Testament. The aforementioned criticism is certainly in place wherever the significance of Christianity is reduced in such an arbitrary, one-sided manner. There's no foundation for distinguishing between various types of the Gos-

pel from which each denomination could choose the one that pleases it best. Christ is not divided. There is only one Gospel. The Church has the duty to proclaim the Gospel, the whole Gospel, and nothing but the Gospel."

Bishop Nygren declared that the purpose of the LWF Assembly "is not to reiterate what the Reformers said, but to re-think our Gospel, the one and only Gospel, the whole Gospel, to study it anew, possibly from a new point of approach, and to express it in the term of today."

Pointing out that it has been customary in the Lutheran Church to approach the Gospel from the Pauline point of view, he said that "the unique feature of our present assembly is in re-thinking our understanding of the Gospel."

"This does not mean that we take leave of St. Paul," he added, "but it does mean that we penetrate beyond the traditional and well-known terms and expressions, that we seek to enter into the very heart and center of the Gospel, and the Johannine approach may prove to be very helpful to us in this quest."

Church and State

All Christians should take an active part in political life to "keep from being useless and dead members of society," declared Bishop Eivind Berggrav of Oslo, former Primate of Norway and leader of his nation's resistance against the Nazis.

However, he warned that while individual Christians may join to form political parties, the Church must not

identify itself with any such party nor allow claims by any party if such an alliance exists. He cautioned clergymen to exercise "special vigilance" when engaging in political activities as private citizens.

According to the bishop, it is positively frightful misrepresentation of Lutheran doctrine that "world conquerors" and "despotic revolutionists" should be acknowledged as God-appointed rulers as soon as they have "come into possession of power."

Lutheran teaching concerning Church and State relations presupposes a lawful state, he said, and therefore "government must be judged by its origin, its practice, and especially its lawfulness." Lutheran teaching implies that "we ought not to make demands upon the secular power which could not be fulfilled unless it were an ideal Christian state."

A government still remains government in the rightful sense of the word even if it commits an error, he went on, explaining that "the Church does not compromise when it declares that Christians must tolerate many things which are not Christian, and that they must perform some functions which do not agree with the ideals set forth in the Gospel."

However, there are instances when cooperation becomes impossible without violating conscience and allegiance to God, Bishop Berggrav emphasized. Translating Luther's view into modern terminology, he said that in such situations the Reformers

led for "active resistance."

While the Church must not organize or conduct revolutions, "even against tyrants," he continued, it has the sacred duty, come what may, fearlessly to proclaim to the unjust the unvarnished truth set forth in the Gospel and the Law." Luther made a distinction between the Church and Christian citizens, he said. What the Church as such is forbidden to do, he laid upon the citizens as a duty.

Bishop Berggrav also urged his listeners "to warn our rulers against the prevailing tendency toward 'statism,' toward arrogance and presumptuousness in government, and also against the ever-present tendency toward totalitarianism." However, the bishop stated that "in distinction from the police state, it is still possible in the welfare state to exert considerable influence by means of a well-informed public opinion," and he outlined "legitimate demands" which he said the Church may direct to the "welfare state":

1. The church must demand the undiminished freedom to proclaim the word of God and to exercise Christian love in the service of men. The Church dare not be satisfied with the assurance that freedom of worship is guaranteed. An attempt by the state to sterilize the social welfare work of the Church would constitute a frontal attack upon the freedom of the Gospel.

2. The Church must not allow itself to be exploited by the state for political purposes. The Church must not

become the tool of power politics.

3. The right to determine the education of the children belongs to the parents. The free time of children and youth must not be monopolized by state agencies.

4. The state must force nothing upon anyone, whether child or adult, that is contrary to God's clear commandments. A state which arrogates to itself the right to determine what is good and what is evil, must logically think of itself as an institute of salvation; and this is equivalent to the deification of the state. Christians must be allowed to have their own religious convictions; this right is one of the basic rights of man, even in states where practicing Christians form a minority of the population.

Missions

Protestantism must get rid of the idea that Christianity is an established fact in Europe and America and that it is only among colored nations of Africa and Asia that the Gospel has to be spread, according to an address by Dr. Gustaf Wingren, theology professor at Sweden's University of Lund.

Dr. Wingren declared that present-day reaction against missions in many countries of Africa and Asia is "due to the fact that we have wrongly combined or even confused the preaching of the divine Word with the spreading of European-American culture."

"It is the Word, namely Christ himself, who comes to the colored nations exactly as he comes to us and to our own nations." All of present-day western Christianity, with its wealth



—NLC News Photo

Dr. Hanns Lilje

of cultural and other developments, is just as much a result of missions as any other part or form of Christianity.

Dr. Wingren stressed the need for modern Christianity to put the Gospel at the center of its missionary thinking, rather than emphasize a relative idea like "the Christian religion." He also urged the need for Christianity to think of the entire world as being God's, rather than to think of foreign lands as being "entirely profane parts of the world and unrelated to him."

Bishop Lilje Elected President

The Assembly elected Bishop Hanns Lilje, 53-year-old leader of the Lutheran Church of Hannover, president of the Federation for the next five-year term, to succeed Bishop Anders Nygren of Lund, Sweden, elected at the first assembly in Lund, 1947.

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to serve on the executive committe...
the LWF: Dr. Franklin C. Fry, p...
dent of the ULCA, and Judge Ja...
F. Henninger of Allentown, Pa.

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Refugees

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tensify their efforts "in the promoti...
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now homeless."

Next Meeting Undecided

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federation an invitation to meet...
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rg, Pa., declared that "so many changes may take place in the next few years, the executive committee does not feel it wise to make a decision on the site of the next Assembly this time."

Convention Briefs

DR. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, was elected first vice-president of the Lutheran World Federation, at the first meeting of its new executive committee immediately after the conclusion of the federation's General Assembly.

DELEGATES and visitors of the ULCA to the LWF made a pilgrimage to Einbeck to celebrate the memory of Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg, "father of American Lutheranism" at his birthplace. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry delivered an address, and the pulpit of the local church was occupied by Stewart W. Herman, the Rev. John Schmidt, and Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, secretary of the ULCA.

MORE THAN 40,000 persons filled Hannover's Hindenburg Stadium to capacity for the final mass meeting of the General Assembly. Many of the people had come from all parts of Germany in 12 special trains and 850 chartered buses, a large number of them being refugees in multi-hued costumes of their native lands.

HUNGARIAN DELEGATES to the LWF Assembly declared that their Church "will maintain contacts with the LWF in the hope that its new leaders may

be more successful in working for brotherly relations between Evangelical Churches."

A PLEA was made that women and youth be given greater recognition and responsibility in the general program of the LWF. It was suggested that "women should find their place, not in a separate section, but according to their concern and experience, in the general sections" because "in this way they can most fruitfully make their contributions to the whole work of the Lutheran Church." It was also suggested that youth and students "should be given recognition as well as responsibility commensurate with their powers in the total federation structure and program."

FURTHER RESTRICTION of religious freedom in the East Zone of Germany was indicated by news that reached the LWF Assembly during its meetings. Indications that expropriation of church properties and lands in the Soviet Zone were planned under a "top secret" program, were followed by a report that the authorities have taken over control of Wartburg Castle, near Eisenach, the retreat in which Martin Luther took refuge after the Diet of Worms and where he translated the New Testament.

GLOBAL COOPERATION in several major fields of activity was pledged by representatives of the LWF's 52 member churches in 25 countries. The General Assembly voted to establish

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Education for Living

by EARL S. RUDISILL

Why Should Adults Learn?

THE LARGEST school for adults in America — that's the Junto. I am writing just a few blocks from it. Its work and name were inspired by Benjamin Franklin, who brought together a small group of thinking, inquiring men at regular periods, and named the group the Junto. Today it's "junting" along at a great rate and bringing numberless benefits to men and women who want to know. They recognize a need.

Education will always be incomplete, but the moment we become indifferent to learning we begin to slip back. An expanding world and universe, new ideas, new ways, and the need of a better understanding of the Bible and Christianity challenge every one to enlarge his knowledge, acquire more Christian attitudes, and enlist in Christlike service. All of these will promote adult learning.

Grownups need to learn also because they have to face adult responsibilities and perform difficult tasks. Ideas and ways of feeling acquired in childhood are not equal to the need. They were good for a child's living in a different day, but something more realistic is needed now. Children are concrete-minded and credulous, but adults have to deal with ideas, be more critical, and act in more prac-

tical ways. All forms of adult education are in order.

There are a good many facts, problems, and processes of life which cannot adequately be grasped by children or young people. A background of experience and considerable maturity are required in order to understand and appreciate some of the issues which confront older men and women. Children are baffled at many realities of life, and so are we if we do not prepare ourselves to meet them. Young people sometimes take steps which they would never take if they had greater maturity and better information on the issues involved.

We need to go out after further learning in order better to understand our church and its program, and better ways of carrying out education for young people and children. Dr. Franklin, University of Pittsburgh has said that if the church does not educate its adults better the time may come when the church's educational program for children and young people will fall to pieces because adults do not possess the understanding and skills to carry it on.

The community, state, nation, and world are bristling with problems. All sorts of solutions are being suggested — most of them unworkable.

executive of a city council of churches recently told of the many well-intentioned but impractical persons who bring in schemes for the rehabilitation of the world. Christian men and women need a better understanding and vision of the bearing of Christian faith and ideals upon the world problems. Any plan to improve community, nation, or world which is devised in a vacuum will not work,

even if its general ideals are Christian. Practical ways of solving problems must be worked out, but none will succeed very well until people in local and world society take on Christian faith and ways of dealing man with man.

Here is a task big enough and important enough to challenge all the men and women of all Christian churches.

Message from Headquarters

by EARLE W. BADER

Brotherhood Sunday

October 19, 1952

Calling all Brotherhoods to observe our 34th anniversary
with a stimulating men's service

The theme for the 1952 Brotherhood Sunday service on October 19 will be "Pages of Power." This theme is based on the "Bible in Daily Living" emphasis of the ULCA for the current year. The Bible is perhaps more neglected in our day than it has been for generations. Our 34th anniversary men's services will challenge our Brotherhood members and their families to *know* and *live* the eternal truths as revealed in God's Holy Word.

Your pastor will also be glad to share with you his copy of the excellent Parish and Church School Board folder entitled, "The Living Word in Living Language." This folder which was prepared for the

September 1952 Parish Education month will tell you how to get people to hear, read, study and live the Bible.

The success of your Brotherhood Sunday service will depend upon the whole-hearted cooperation of your pastor and men's group. Your Brotherhood officers should meet with their pastor and representatives of the church council and arrange a challenging program to include several brief talks by your Brotherhood members on some phase of Brotherhood work. Many pastors will wish to preach a special sermon, and while this is very desirable, an opportunity should also be given to the laymen to participate in the service.

The 1952 Brotherhood Sunday packet was placed in the mails on

August 25, in ample time to arrange your Brotherhood Sunday observance.

34th Anniversary Offering

A sample of the 34th anniversary offering envelope, with an order blank, has been mailed to the president and pastor of each men's group. These envelopes are to be distributed at your September meeting and will be received with an offering for the promotional work of the ULCA Brotherhood at your Brotherhood Sunday service on October 19.

The anniversary offering will be used to establish new congregational Brotherhoods in all synods of the ULCA.

Your congregational Brotherhood treasurer is requested to forward check or money order payable to the ULCA Brotherhood, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and designated "anniversary offering", not later than October 31, 1952. If your Brotherhood Sunday service will not be held prior to this date, may we ask that your members bring their anniversary offering envelopes to the November meeting.

Arrange Your Program Now!

Some Brotherhoods may find it desirable to arrange a Brotherhood Sunday program that will have a more specific appeal to their groups. It is with this idea in mind that we respectfully submit the following program suggestions:

Hymns:

- "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"
- "The Church's One Foundation"
- "Rise, Ye Children of Salvation"
- "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

- "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"
- "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
- "Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak"
- "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"
- "My God! How Wonderful Thou Art"
- "Christ for the World We Sing"
- "The Sign of the Cross and the Heart"

Psalms:

119 - part 4, 96, 84, 46, 89, 90, 91, 100, 118, 145

Scripture Lessons:

- Ephesians 3:13-21
- Luke 15:11-32
- Zechariah 4:6
- Psalm 40:8
- John 9:1-7
- Deuteronomy 10:12-21
- Matthew 22:34-36
- Romans 12
- Ephesians 6:10-17
- St. John 15:1-16
- I Corinthians 16:13
- I John 5:4
- I John 4:7-21

Subjects for Addresses:

- "Pages of Power"
- "Restore the Lost Sheep"
- "Advance — O Church of God!"
- "Serve With Joy"
- "Faithful Men"
- "Forward with Christ"
- "The Brotherhood, its Purposes and Program"
- "Sharing the Wealth"
- "The Brotherhood Objectives"
- "A Serving Manhood"
- "The Brotherhood, a Field of Service"
- "Onward, Christian Soldiers"
- "Laymen Witnessing for Christ"
- "Our Call to Service"
- "Victory through Christ"
- "Brotherhood Loyalty"
- "Rebuilding for Christ"

Topics for Five-Minute Talks:

- "Our Brotherhood —
 - a. Its accomplishments
 - b. Program for the coming year."
- "Why Have an Annual Brotherhood Service?"
- "What the Brotherhood Offers to our Men"
- "What the Brotherhood Has Meant to Me"
- "How the Brotherhood Can Best Serve our Pastor and Congregation"

We invite you to write to Brotherhood Headquarters for additional Brotherhood Sunday suggestions and sample copies of *Lutheran Men* and literature items for your meeting.

Brotherhood in Action

by CHARLES F. BROBST

Go-to-Church Month

ONE OF THE greatest obstacles to church progress — and to the spiritual growth of the individual — is the inactive members in the congregation. One of the Brotherhood's objectives is to increase the attendance at worship services. A concerted effort to get the absentee to attend during at least one month would be worth trying.

Every effort to gather people into the church should be followed by just as intensive an effort to hold those already in the church, and to raise the quality of their understanding of the Christian life. In the early fall a "Go-to-Church Month" campaign should be carried on in the local church. During the month selected, every member of the church who attends any one of the services should register. In a small congregation someone who knows the members could check those present. Those who do not attend may be visited by a campaign of friendly visitation. Lay visitors, previously trained, should go to the homes of these people who have not attended, bringing the greetings of the church and attempting to win them back to active and faithful activity in the church.

Special campaigns have their greatest value when followed by plans and

methods to emphasize sustained loyalty throughout the year. Experience shows that persons who respond to campaign methods are not always regular attendants after the campaign is over. Efforts to avoid this slump should be made.

A face-to-face interview with lukewarm members to find their real reasons for absence from the worship service and to show a willingness to correct misunderstandings of and flaws in the church's methods, may convince them that the church is indeed concerned to build their lives, and the lives of all whom it can persuade to associate with it.

More thought should be given in most of our congregations to activating new members immediately upon receiving them. First, they should be properly taught so that they are clearly informed as to what the Scriptures teach concerning their duties. They should know what is expected of them as church members. Second, they should be enlisted as participants in the work of the church. The Brotherhood can perform a valuable service to the church and to its membership by being active and effective in the training and holding of its new and lapsed members.

Boy Scouts

by GEORGE A. EICHLER

Religious Emphasis in Scouting

THE FOLLOWING resolution was adopted by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America on May 23, 1952.

"WHEREAS, our democratic form of government is founded on a belief in the Supreme Being as expressed in the Declaration of Independence which states that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,

AND WHEREAS, an objective for the boy in the Forward on Liberty Team Program is "Forward in the Faith of his Fathers,"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the National Council urges a re-emphasis all scouting units upon the importance of religion in the life of the boy and upon his duty to God;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the spirit of the twelfth scout law, the American ideal of freedom, as outlined in the Bill of Rights, emphasized in scout training, teaching youth to foster brotherhood and promote respect for the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion."

Congratulations to these ULCA scouts who received *Pro Deo et Patria* awards, June 19, 1952.

William A. Augros, Grace Lutheran Church, Richmond, Calif.
James Allgaier, Grace Lutheran Church, Richmond, Calif.
John R. Haydon, Jr., St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa
David Shepherd, St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa
Raymond L. Eaton, Christ Lutheran Church, Ellis, Kansas
Bill Goede, Christ Lutheran Church, Ellis, Kansas
Harry David Zerfas, Christ Lutheran Church, Ellis, Kansas
John N. Drowatzky, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas
Jay Melville Bohn, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Funkstown, Md.
Standly L. Pearson, Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale, Minn.
Henry Piehler, St. John's Lutheran Church, East Paterson, N.J.
Ralph Gerenz, St. John's Lutheran Church, Garfield, N.J.
Dale Miller, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.
Larry Smith, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.
Dennis Dale Kinsel, Trinity Lutheran Church, Brookville, Ohio
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Memberships

by PHARES G. BEER

WE SINCERELY thank Pastor W. Gilmer Boggs, of Christiana Lutheran Church, Granite Quarry, North Carolina, for sending us three corrections in the list of the names of the Honorary Life Members as given in the July issue of *Lutheran Men*. The corrected names of the persons listed are Harvey W. Boggs, 704 Mosse Road, Kannapolis, N.C.; H. S. Lipe, Route 1, China Grove, N.C., and P. J. Lierly, Granite Quarry, N.C. We congratulate Pastor Boggs for finding and reporting the mistakes and beg forgiveness from the individuals whose names we inadvertently misspelled.

We plan to be very careful that these names may be spelled correctly on the Charter Honorary Life Membership roll to be exhibited at the Washington convention and on the Charter Life Membership list to be printed in the convention minutes. If there are any other errors in the Honorary Life Membership roll as given in the July issue or in the In Memoriam list as given in the August issue of *Lutheran Men* will you please notify the writer of this column at 708 St. John St., Allentown, Pa., immediately.

We recently received the following communication:

Philipsburg, Pa.,

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you and the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America for the Honorary Life Membership bestowed upon me and for the certificate and pin received several weeks ago.

The picture and biography of my brother in the last August issue of *Lutheran Men* are very satisfactory.

Altha R. Adams

The 34th Brotherhood Anniversary Sunday, October 19, will be a fine time to present Honorary Life or Memoriam Memberships to the officers and members or former members of your Brotherhood. Memberships may be received for presentation at the time should be applied for immediately. Be sure to have your congregational, conference or district or synodical Honorary Life and In Memoriam secretary make these presentations.

Nine synodical Brotherhoods have regularly appointed Honorary Life and In Memoriam secretaries whose names and addresses have been reported to the chairman of the committee. They are:

California Synod — Roland Holdeman, 7724 S. Pioneer Blvd., Whittier, Cal.

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If your synodical Brotherhood has a secretary whose name is not on the above list, will you please immediately forward his name and address. If the presidents of synodical Brotherhoods have not appointed a secretary, will they please do so at once and report the person's name and address to the chairman of The United Lutheran Church in America Brotherhood committee. The duties and activities of synodical secretaries are found in the September, 1951, issue of *Lutheran Men*. Be sure to file your copies of *Lutheran Men*; they contain an abundance of material for Brotherhood leaders.

A Story About the Holy Grail

The Silver Chalice. By Thomas B. Costain. Doubleday. 533 pages. \$3.85.

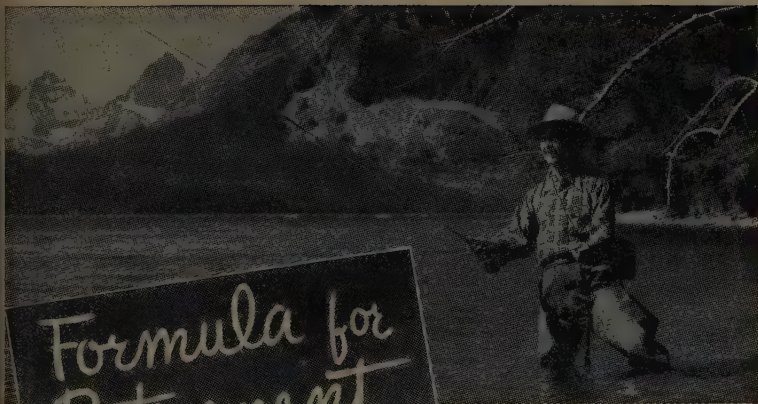
Those who love stories like *Ben Hur*, *Quo Vadis*, and *The Robe* will welcome the fascinating background and theme of *The Silver Chalice*, an exciting and inspiring tale about the cup used by Christ at his last supper with his disciples. The world of St. Paul, St. Luke, and Joseph of Arimathea comes to vivid life through the adventures of Basil the artisan who has been purchased from slavery to create for the chalice a decorative casing inscribed with the images of Jesus and those who were closest to him. Basil's travels in search of the men he is to immortalize on the chalice is complicated by his associations with two women, one good and one evil, and take you through the colorful capitals of the ancient world from the Holy Land to Antioch and Rome. The author, who has done a tremendous amount of research for this story, is a famous historian and novelist, and has written *The Black Rose* a Literary Guild selection that sold over one million copies in six months. *The Silver Chalice* is the Guild's August selection.

A Creed in Print

Dwight L. Moody was asked up to London to meet a group of clergy there. Some four hundred had gathered. In his quiet, quick keen-witted fashion, Moody answered questions for about an hour. Then someone asked the question always asked, "What's your creed, Mr. Moody?" Quick came back the answer, "My creed's in print."

Oh, in print! Nobody knew of Mr. Moody having written anything. And the question came at once, "Where?" "What's the title of the book?" And four hundred hands reached for four hundred pencils to write down the unknown title. Very quietly Mr. Moody said, "Isaiah fifty three, five."

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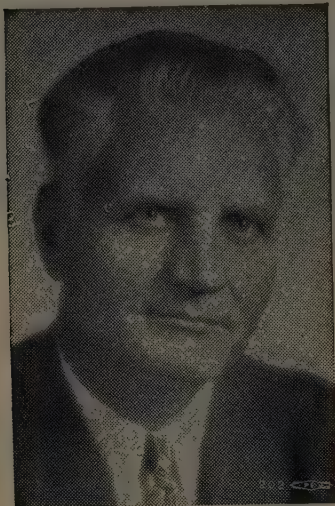
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The Christian and Citizenship

by LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL



Author

Until recently Luther W. Youngdahl was the highly respected and greatly loved governor of Minnesota. He is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, and the father of a son who is preparing for the Lutheran ministry.

After studying law at the Minnesota College of Law, Youngdahl was appointed assistant city attorney for Minneapolis. From then on he held various political positions — municipal judge, district judge, judge of the Minnesota Supreme Court. In 1946 he was elected governor of his state, and in 1950 he was re-elected for the third term. Few governors have tried as earnestly as Luther Youngdahl to apply Christian principles in the daily administration of the affairs of a state. The results can be seen in his state's Youth Conservation Program, the improved care and treatment of the mentally ill, the programs of old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, and child adoptions, and in many other programs of a progressive nature that reflect Christian principles.

SHORTLY AFTER World War I came to a close, an artist drew a cartoon that aptly turned the spotlight on humanity's greatest need. The cartoon depicted a group of men sitting down as a governmental cabinet to organize the new world. At the head of the table sat the president. There, too, were the familiar portfolios: secretary of war, secretary of state, and all the rest. But a new figure was at the council table. There sat Christ with his portfolio — secretary of human relations.

What has happened in the years since that cartoon was sketched shows

Very recently Luther Youngdahl left the governorship of Minnesota to become a United States district judge for the District of Columbia. His willing response to the request to prepare a topic for the Lutheran Brotherhoods is indicative of his fine spirit of Christian service.

Editorial Committee

Arthur H. Getz, D.D., chairman, Charles I. Johnson, C. Oscar Leonardson, Carl E. School S. M. Brock. Topics prepared under auspices of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

Aims

1. To show that every Christian has a responsibility toward the state as well as the church.
2. To point out the responsibility of Christian citizenship.
3. To lead members of the Brotherhood, individually and collectively, to discharge their responsibilities as Christian citizens.

If any of the assignments suggested for the meeting were carried out, the topic leader should be sure to make use of them at appropriate places during the presentation and discussion of the topic.

the futility of trying to get along without Christ. The new world, the world of peace and security, was not built. A devastating World War II left in its wake new waste of human life and resources. The nations of the world had not given Christ his place at the conferences. His seat was taken by another figure, representing human greed and godlessness.

Until the day comes when all nations are willing to live together as a family of nations in the spirit of Christ, there can be little hope for the attainment of lasting peace and a growing brotherhood. Christ has and will continue to offer the one sure answer to the chaos and war that scourge this earth.

What is true on the world level is just as true in our national government, in our state government, in our local government. Christ can provide the proper guidance for every problem of government, if we will but give him the chance. He can have that only when Christian men and women are willing to work hard at the task of putting Christianity into practice in the affairs of government. His influence can be utilized to create humane,

honest, and just government only through the efforts of his followers.

Responsibility toward the State

Many Christians, good Christians, however, shy away from the thought that being a follower of Christ imposes on them any particular responsibility toward government. They are loyal to the church, accepting faithfully assignments of duties for its welfare. But when it comes to government, that is something else again. There are those who look on human government as a necessary evil, to be tolerated, but not worthy of active support from those who are really citizens of another world in which there are no man-made laws. They stand apart from politics, feeling that participation in it is not within the realm of Christian responsibility. They often say, with disdain, "Politics is not for me," or "I have no time or patience for politicians." The very mention of the word "politics" conjures up for them visions of such disreputable figures as Boss Tweed. What these Christian people fail to realize is that their reluctance to take an active part in politics gives the corrupt and the greedy a chance to move into the vacuum and take over political control.

Politics doesn't have to have a bad connotation. It is a tragedy that it so often does. Politics is really the art and science of government. It is the machinery by which society makes its moral decisions. Those decisions affect the well-being of the individual to a far-reaching degree. If we believe that the individual is precious

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and divine, then we cannot ignore the duty of the Christian to help make the proper decisions through politics.

In Romans 13, Paul declares that all powers of government are ordained of God. He stresses the absolute sovereignty of God in human affairs. Government, then, exists to enforce the moral law of God, to repress evil, and to encourage good works. Paul is pointing to the Christian responsibility in government. The answer to corruption and graft can only be a re-awakened interest in and a revitalized respect for the institutions of government. There are cynics, of course, who will deny that this is possible. They claim that government and corruption always go hand-in-hand. Back in 1890, John J. Ingalls wrote in the *New York World*: "The purification of politics is an iridescent dream." More recently a leading political figure told Columbia University students: "You can't adopt politics as a profession and remain honest."

The real truth is that politics and government are just as honest as the people insist they be. No more and no less. Every Christian ought to see that *we get just as bad government as we are willing to stand for, and just as good government as we are willing to fight for*. It is up to us to decide which type of government we shall have.

Someone may ask, "Which has precedence, one's responsibility to the church or to the state?" No one has answered that question better than Martin Luther. He emphasized that

it is not only at the altar and in the cloister that the work of God is done, but also in honest toil, in the institution of marriage, the home, and parenthood — and *in the affairs of government*. To quote his magnificent paradox, a Christian is not only "the most free lord of all and subject to none," but, in his newly found liberty, "he is the most dutiful servant of all and subject to everyone." Liberty, then, implies obligations that must be met by the individual. It eventuates in service to be rendered as a responsible citizen, as well as at the altar and in the cloister. The challenge of Christian service is vital in political affairs, as well as in the church. Let us not neglect either of them.

Specific Responsibilities

Here is a list of responsibilities that fall to the lot of the Christian citizen:

1. *To have an understanding of our heritage as a free people*. A citizen who is ignorant of the basic principles of our government and how it functions cannot hope to fulfill the duties that are his. Yet, too often today we encounter people who know very little about the history of our free institutions, the heavy price that has been paid for them, or about the operations of government.

General Omar Bradley reported that wherever our armies were stationed in Europe the people were bewildered because Americans appeared indifferent to the political and philosophical origins and nature of their nation. He added that "unhappily, when driven into a corner intellectu-

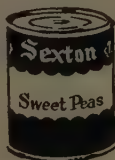
ally, our soldiers were forced to fall back on our wage scales, our automobiles, our refrigerators — and eventually and triumphantly to the American bathroom for their defense. Here is an indictment, not only of American education — but of the irresponsible difference of citizens who have permitted this vacuum to remain.”

These findings point to the over-emphasis many of our people place on material achievements and the lack of appreciation of the spiritual foundations of the nation. *Our first requisite for Christian citizenship, then, must be to make sure that we understand the origins, the nature, and the operations of our government.* An educated citizenry — one with a knowledge and love of democracy — is the well-spring of democracy. There can be no substitute for this.

2. *To make good use of the right to vote.* At our last general election 59 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls. A comparative study made several years ago showed that in America — the greatest democracy in the world, with the best educated electorate — the proportion of citizens who take the trouble to vote is lower than in any other real democracy. It is interesting to note that in a national pool of public opinion taken not long ago it was revealed that Americans cherish the right to vote more than any other liberty, but many of the people who said they cherished this right have never voted. In some elections for city officials as few as three per cent of the registered

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voters utilize the right to vote. Did you ever notice the emphasis that is placed on the importance of weather on election day? From long experience it is known that bad weather will cause a dwindling in the size of the vote and will affect the outcome of the election. It is tragic to think that descendants of pioneers who braved all kinds of danger and hardships to win liberty and the right of free elections will decide against going to the polls on election day if the weather is not favorable!

It is not enough to vote, however. The Christian who would discharge his responsibility of citizenship must first determine that he is voting for candidates who are of high moral integrity and willing to work for the best interests of all the people.

Not long ago a national magazine carried a story about a certain lobbyist. The comments of this lobbyist do more to tell the importance of our taking an interest in the people we elect than anything I know of. This lobbyist is described as an individual who, "holds no public office and is responsible only to the interests that hire him." The writer of the article asked the governor in the lobbyist's state, "Who has more influence with the legislature, you or this lobbyist?" The governor replied that on matters affecting his clients, the particular lobbyist had more power than the governor. What are the matters affecting the lobbyist's clients? Foremost are those concerning beer, liquor, and the race tracks. What a tragedy that such an individual should gain such influence. We are, however, indebted to the lobbyist for his frankness. The writer wound up his interview by thrusting this question at him, "How can the people get rid of you and others like you?" "There is one way," he replied. "The people must take more interest in the men they elect."

3. *To be willing to take part in political affairs.* Do not be content to merely vote. Ours is a two-party system of government. Join one of the parties; go to its caucuses and its conventions; attend its precinct meetings. Be articulate in putting forth Christian convictions as to issues and candidates. Get out and work for candidates who are controlled by Christian principles. Perhaps you can write and call voters, distribute litera-

ture, give speeches. There are many duties in conducting a successful campaign. Every one can use his talents to help in one way or another.

4. *To accept responsibilities of public service.* There is an urgent need for more people who are willing to dedicate themselves to making the Christian influence felt in political affairs — people in public office who have their eyes on the next generation, rather than on the next election; who place human values above dollar values. Christian youth, particularly, should consider the limitless opportunities for service to Christ in the area of politics. If Christians are not willing to give leadership, then it will go by default to those not guided by Christian purposes.

5. *To defend and strengthen our way of life.* We live in a time when America and the cause of human freedom is imperiled by an ideology that scorns Christianity and the dignity of the individual. As Christians we must help defend our way of life through the giving of military service, if called upon, and through supporting, by increased taxes, the building up of our armaments for defense. We should support strongly the call for tax money to provide expanded services for the unfortunates, the mentally ill, the aged, the blind, the crippled. We should support all uses of tax money for the strengthening of our schools and for services to youth. We must place human values over dollar values as we try to practice the teachings of Christ in government.

6. *To work for law enforcement.*

The recent Senate crime investigations, showing the link between organized crime and certain unscrupulous politicians, emphasize the need for more vigilant law enforcement at every level of government. Every Christian ought to be willing to stand up and fight for law enforcement in his community. Citizen apathy has brought on the sorry conditions uncovered by the investigation. The Christian, moreover, ought to be sure to set a good example for his children and others by faithfully obeying the law at all times.

For Discussion

1. Does the Christian have a responsibility toward the state, or may he think only of the kingdom beyond this world?
2. Is it really possible to carry Christian principles into politics?
3. How can we arrive at a greater appreciation of our heritage as a free people?
4. What steps could members of our Brotherhood take, individually or collectively, to lead a larger percentage of the citizens of our community to exercise their democratic privilege of voting?
5. How can we as Christian individuals exert a greater influence in political affairs on the local, state, and national levels?
6. Should we oppose all efforts to increase taxation? Are there any exceptions to such resistance? If there are exceptions, what are they, and why should they be exceptions?
7. Is improved law enforcement necessary in our community? If so,

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Suggestions for Action

1. Plan to have members of the Brotherhood participate in the next local, state, or national election by giving active support to worthy candidates.

2. Have several members of the Brotherhood make analyses of the voting records of political leaders in the community, and present the analyses to the Brotherhood for study.

3. Plan a model legislative assembly in which members of the Brotherhood will debate current political issues.

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Assignment for the November Meeting

Never before in the modern era has the church had a better opportunity to win men for Christ. Scientists, radio commentators, authors — men in every walk of life — are stressing the importance of spiritual forces. Now is the time for the church to make use of this "mind set" and claim men for the kingdom of Christ. Our next Brotherhood topic is therefore very timely, "The Christian and Evangelism." In preparation for that topic appoint committees to carry out as many of the following assignments as possible.

1. Send to the Lutheran Evangelism Council, 327 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago 4, Illinois, for copies of the layman's evangelism manual, **Approved Unto God** (cost, 15¢ per copy).

2. Gather the following statistics about your church membership:

- Total baptized membership.
- Total confirmed membership.
- Average attendance at church services.
- Average attendance at Communion services.
- Average attendance in Sunday school.
- Number of "non-resident" members.

3. Analyze the "ushering" job being done at church services. Is it well organized? Do the ushers meet to discuss problems and plan activities? Are they making both members and visitors feel welcome?

4. Arrange for a "family altar" demonstration at the men's meeting, placing the emphasis on the **father** leading the devotions.

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in "The Bible in Daily Living" continue? Will God's Word continue to speak in living language to our day and our present need? The answers to such questions must come from individuals. They must come from Lutheran men who read these words, from their children, and from those others whose lives all of us influence in one way or another, consciously or unconsciously. Each one of us must say to himself, the real significance lies with me. The Bible has its rightful place in my daily life.

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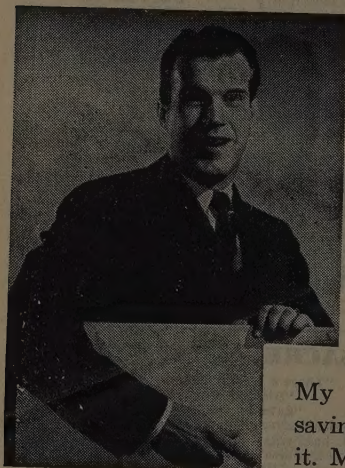
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